

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1802 with the following objections:

I am reducing one-time appropriations contained in subdivision (a) of Section 43 of the bill for community colleges:

I am reducing the appropriation in subdivision (a) of Section 43 of this bill by eliminating schedule (28), which allocates \$500,000 for implementation of a community college strategic plan. Funding for the implementation of community colleges' strategic plan is not an appropriate use of Proposition 98 funds and can be funded by the Chancellor's Office to the extent this is a priority for that organization.

I am reducing the appropriation in subdivision (a) of Section 43 of this bill by eliminating schedule (29), which allocates \$700,000 to support an Electronic Transcript Exchange program. This additional funding is unnecessary, given that the Budget Bill already provides federal reimbursement authority for this purpose.

I am reducing the appropriation in subdivision (a) of Section 43 of this bill by eliminating schedule (31), which allocates \$5,000,000 to support faculty and staff professional development. This funding is unnecessary due to the significant increases in general purpose funding and one-time funds that are available for this and other purposes. Decisions to provide additional funding for these programs should be made at the local level.

As mentioned in my veto message on Item 6870-101-0001 in AB 1801, I am committed to increasing the amount of funding for career technical education given the magnitude of work remaining to be done to reinvigorate and align career technical in our high schools and community colleges. Therefore, I am setting these funds aside for appropriation in subsequent legislation for this purpose.

Also, Section 12 requires the State Department of Education to reimburse school districts \$0.21 for every free and reduced-price meal served to California students. Currently, the reimbursement rate is \$0.14 for free and reduced price meals. However, I have deleted and set aside \$37.8 million included in the Budget Bill for this rate increase pending the adoption of legislation that would require schools to improve the nutritional quality of meals served to California students and restore the \$37.8 million appropriation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger